

# SHAMED BABY DOC DUMPS HIS WIFE



CALLOUS: Meadow

## Meadow, 72, kicks out Marianne, 70

BY RACHEL SPENCER

**THE disgraced cot-death doctor whose bungled evidence sent innocent women to jail has DUMPED the wife who stood by him.**

Heartless Professor Roy Meadow, 72—struck off for professional misconduct last July—is callously throwing devoted Marianne, 70, out of the home they have shared for 30 years.

Last night devastated Marianne, who is recovering from a series of painful back operations, told the News of the World: "He has ordered me to leave our home. I'm not very well and now he is putting me through this."

"He has been so cruel I can't believe this is happening to me."

Loyal Marianne supported the pompous paediatrician as he faced charges of giving misleading evidence that helped wrongly convict Sally Clark of murdering her two babies in 1999.

### Blunder

He told the jury the chances of two cot deaths in the same family were 73 million to one. The odds were later found to be closer to 64 to one.

Meadow's blunder also helped jail mums Angela Cannings and Donna Anthony. All three have now been released.

"Marianne stood by him through all this, through thick and thin," said a medical insider last night.

"Everyone is astonished that he's done this to her after all she did for him."

Marianne is being helped by pals in the leafy village of Weston, near Leeds, as she prepares to leave their £500,000 cottage.

A neighbour said: "It's shocking. Marianne was his rock."

# BLACK ADDER

**Your snake in the grass  
of the rich and powerful**  
BY CLIVE GOODMAN

ROYAL action man Prince William has had to postpone a mountain rescue course—after being crocked by a ten-year-old during football training.

William pulled a tendon in his knee after last week's kids' kickabout with Premiership club Charlton Athletic. Now medics have put him on the sick list.

"He has to wear a knee brace if he wants to do anything other than walk, to stop it getting any worse," confided one friend.

The prince took part in the session in his new role as president elect of the FA. He has seen Prince Charles's personal doc and is now having physiotherapy at Cirencester hospital, near his country home Highgrove.

"The really important thing is that his leg heals before he starts at Sandhurst in January," said his pal. "He doesn't want to inherit Prince Harry's nickname, Sicknote."

PLACE the following in order of brightness: 1) a 40-watt lightbulb; 2) a box of dirt; 3) the royal media advisers on Prince Charles's US tour.

Among the guests at a star-studded New York reception for Charles and Camilla was former Vanity Fair editor Tina Brown (left).

"Are you still," Charles asked Tina, "journalising?"

Er... Just a bit. She's currently writing a book on Princess Diana called Legacy that will pull no punches about Camilla.

The last time Tina described the prince and the duchess, she laughed: "Well, every Englishman wants to marry his nanny."

WHICH ex-boy-band singer being filmed in his dockside penthouse started tinkling on the piano? "Hey you're very good," said one of the crew. "Ta. But I ain't no Picasso," he replied.

NOTHING strange in two ex-colleagues meeting up for dinner—unless they are card-carrying sociopaths like Peter Mandelson and Derek Draper. Since the pair spent nearly every waking minute together spinning the government into oblivion, you'd think they'd have a lot to talk about.

But with nothing to b\*\*\*\*\*k him for, no score to settle and no angle to work, Mandelson (above) couldn't cope. "Peter quite literally didn't know what to do," says Draper.

He ordered water, fiddled with the bread then sped out of the Islington restaurant, saying: "Sorry. I can't do this."

"There was no ulterior motive so he couldn't do it. I don't think that's uncommon in politicians," explains Draper.

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A THIEF who offered cops in Siberia a £2,000 bribe ATE £300 of it in a bid to destroy the evidence when they refused.

### QUICKIE

## Lat's be traders

US PRESIDENT George W. Bush yesterday met Latin American leaders for a final day of talks on free trade for the whole continent of America.

The Americas summit of 34 leaders took place behind barricades and tight security in Mar del Plata, Argentina.

Violent protests on Friday were quelled by cops.

Mr Bush is trying to build support for a free trade area from Canada to Chile, but faces opposition from Venezuela, Brazil and other countries.

### DARK SIDE OF STREET

A STREET in Lowestoft, Suffolk—home of The Darkness—is to be named Hawkins Avenue after rock brothers Justin and Dan.